

CHRISTMAS DINNER BASKETS SENT OUT

Distribution Starts To-day
Among Thousands of
Needy Families.

SONGS FILL STREETS

Financial District Does Its
Caroling Near Tree at
Bowling Green.

CELEBRATION IS BEGUN

Three Day Holiday Gets Under
Way With Series of Festal
Gatherings.

Christmas celebrations begin to-day, but there were several important pre-ludes yesterday, featured by the Christmas tree in the financial district. Just as the twilight began to fade, with Wall Street closing for the triple holiday, the Trinity chimes began to peal Christmas carols, and the tree in the middle of the fountain at Bowling Green was lit with hundreds of colored lights. The Gloria Trumpeters led the crowd in the singing from the steps of the Custom House.

More than 200 children patients were entertained in the Broad Street Hospital. Under the direction of A. J. Barker Savage, superintendent, a special program was given in the new Roosevelt ward for sixty youngsters who have recovered from infantile paralysis.

Three fleets of automobiles will set out from different parts of the city to-day to deliver 25,000 Salvation Army Christmas dinners to the homes of the poor. The Salvation Army also has prepared 10,000 addressed bundles of toys for as many children. The army will have four parties for children held simultaneously in different parts of the

Turkey Prices Tumble To 50 Cents and Lower

THE housewife who has deferred buying her Christmas turkey until to-day will have the advantage of another drop in price. Birds of prime grade and condition will retail at 50 cents. Some will go for less, and Texas turkeys, shipments of which arrived three days late, are way down. No. 1 Western turkeys were offered by wholesalers yesterday at 43 and 45 cents a pound and No. 2 grade at 32 and 34 cents. Monday and Tuesday the better grade brought 50 and 54 cents, according to P. Q. Foy, price expert.

Brooklyn housewives will be offered this morning very good turkeys as low as 35 cents a pound. The proprietor of a chain of more than fifty butcher shops in that borough announced he would sell at that price. Heavy shipments and delays, which brought a quantity to the city all at once, account for the lower price.

city next Wednesday. The various Army branches will have parties of their own.

The American Legion, through the efforts of Albert S. Callan, New York State commander, has planned to have a comrade visit every one of the 2,200 ex-service men in the hospitals of the State Christmas Day. The American Legion county commission has planned dinners, baskets and gifts for wounded ex-service men. The United States Veterans Hospital No. 81, in The Bronx, has arranged for a special Christmas dinner and musical program.

With 2,000 families under its care, the Charity Organization Society will give parties to them.

The Knights of Columbus will distribute baskets to-day and will provide entertainments at orphan asylums and other institutions.

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day made an appeal for presents for sick children in hospitals.

The social service bureau at Bellevue Hospital, under Miss May Wadley, will try to cheer poor children who have come to its attention through their attendance at clinics. Vincent Astor, Mrs. Stowe Phelps and Mrs. Frederick Jennings are among those cooperating. Mr. Astor has provided 1,000 dinner baskets to be distributed. Mrs. Phelps will entertain thirty children at her home and Mrs. Jennings will entertain twenty-five. Every patient in Bellevue Hospital, numbering more than 1,500, will get a box of candy Christmas Day, and each ward will have a Christmas tree.

More than 1,000 children of the West Side have been invited to be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Campbell at the Campbell Funeral Church, Broadway and Sixty-sixth street, at a party this afternoon.

The Rescue Society in Chinatown will have a celebration to-night. Several hundred homeless men will be fed on Christmas Eve and on Christmas night, while the women's branch at 19 Mott street will entertain friendless girls.

Princess Anastasia of Greece, formerly Mrs. W. B. Leeds, will help distribute Christmas baskets for the Volunteers of America to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 in Madison Square Garden. Other prominent persons have accepted the invitation of Gen. and Mrs. Ballington Booth to be present.

There will be entertainments for the benefit of the poor children of the city Christmas Day aboard the superdreadnoughts Arkansas, Maryland and Wyoming.

President Ralph Peters of the Long Island Railroad gave his annual Christmas reception for the employees of the railroad in the Long Island City terminal yesterday afternoon.

Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co. is providing a Christmas party for the neighborhood boys of the Newsboys' Home to-morrow night, a dinner for homeless boys on Christmas Day and a party for homeless boys of the neighborhood and members of the house on Christmas night.

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Paris, Dec. 22.

For the first time since the war the Parisian Christmas Eve festivities, known as the "Reveillon," will be marked by a preponderance of French instead of American merrymakers. A visit to the principal restaurants, with the exception of the Ritz, Philippe's and Ciro's, where tables have been reserved for weeks by their American clientele, reveals that this year the revelers will be natives, as in pre-war days—with prices reduced to levels which a year ago would have seemed almost miraculous.

"But we have the alternative of cutting prices or seeing the tables empty, so we decided to make the festival what it used to be," said the manager of a big boulevard establishment. American tourists thus will reap a distinct advantage, unless, lured by the fancy prices asked in a few hotels and cabarets, they believe they will miss something by going elsewhere.

At the Ritz, Philippe's and Ciro's it will cost 200 francs for a table for two, with wines from the deepest recesses of the cellar for the occasion proportionately high. In scores of comfortable and respectable restaurants, where the French know they will find the traditional cuisine, reveillon suppers are being offered for less than fifty francs—this including one and sometimes two bottles of selected wine—and the champagne is offered at thirty francs instead of 100, as last year. In at least two large restaurants within five minutes of the Place de l'Opera placards invite the public to "eat and drink the best that France produces at prices cheaper than possible at home," with the assurance of French orchestras instead of American jazz and all wine lists marked down 10 per cent.

The dancing places preferred by Americans, however, say they are compelled to keep prices up owing to high taxes. But up on Montmartre, in the resorts of the Rue Pigalle, the Place Blanche and the Place Fagelle there is a concerted effort on the part of managers to restore the French atmosphere, which has been almost lost during the last three years.

League Stops Xmas Gifts Of 200 Billion Crowns

VIENNA, Dec. 22.—In order to prevent further note inflation the League of Nations representatives have forbidden the Government to distribute Christmas gifts in cash to civil servants. These gifts would have amounted to 200,000,000,000 crowns. The cost of living will be affected by import duty increases trebling the duty on sugar and lamp oil and raising the duty on coffee 20 per cent. and on tea 30 per cent.

W. H. TODD, SHIP MAN, TO PLAY SANTA CLAUS

Will Entertain 3,000 Children
at Yards.

William H. Todd, president of the Todd Shipyards Corporation, will give his annual Santa Claus entertainments to more than 3,000 children living in the neighborhood of his yards in Brooklyn, Hoboken, Mobile, Seattle and Tacoma. Every little one will receive a suit of clothes, a basket of candy, fruit and suitable toys. Children who are ill and unable to be present will not be forgotten, as automobiles will be used to take Christmas cheer to their homes.

Big, brightly lighted Christmas trees will be set up in all the yard shops, where on Christmas morning the children and their mothers will assemble. After a turkey dinner the youngsters will be entertained with moving pictures and then the toys on the trees will be distributed.

This will be the seventh year that Mr. Todd has played Santa Claus to the poor children at the Todd yards. He will personally assist with other executives of the corporation in packing baskets and decorating trees.

CHRISTMAS TREES ARE CHEAPEST IN YEARS

Public Refuses to Buy Ever-
greens at Higher Prices.

Christmas trees are literally going a begging for buyers, a thing that hasn't happened here in a long time. With half a dollar in his pocket a man can go out this morning and bring back a fine average size tree. He can get a small one for 25 cents and one large enough for any purpose except a Sunday school celebration for 75 cents.

Two causes contribute to the situation. One is an over supply, for there are a hundred cars of Christmas greens still in the freight yards waiting to be brought to the market. The other is a holding off on the part of the public.

DROPS CASE OF LAWYER WHO ASSAILED TALLEY

Court Finds Judicial Acts
Were Not Criticized.

The Appellate Division dismissed in Brooklyn yesterday a proceeding brought by the Brooklyn Bar Association against Francis L. Corrao, a lawyer, of 356 Fulton street, Brooklyn, charging him with unprofessional conduct.

After the conviction of an Italian before him for murder, Judge Alfred J. Tally, of the Court of General Sessions in Manhattan received a letter saying that Sicilians were responsible for the greater part of the Italian crime in New York. It was published. Corrao wrote to Judge Tally, attacking him. Corrao's letter appeared in print and the Grievance Committee of the Bar Association recommended that he be disciplined.

"We regret that an attorney and counsellor at law of this court should have written the letter which is the ground of the complaint in this proceeding," wrote Justice Blackmar, representing the higher court. "The statements made in the letter did not relate to any judicial act of the learned justice to whom it was addressed. This proceeding is dismissed upon the ground that this court has no jurisdiction."

A. AND P. HOLDUP NETS \$128.

An unidentified man about thirty years old stole \$128 from the cash register of the Atlantic and Pacific store at 254 Tompkins avenue, Brooklyn, last night after he had pointed a revolver at the manager and a clerk, Morris Rosenberg and John Walker, and forced them to go into a rear room.

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